

Garrigan, Althoff join call to serve country as they prepare to attend military academies

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With each passing class a select few take the call to serve their country, and this year is no different with Audra Garrigan deciding on the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. and Isaac Althoff deciding on the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"The opportunities at a service academy are so much more immense than at a public school," said Garrigan.

Garrigan showed interest in the other military academies and with both her parents in the Navy all roads seemed to lead to Annapolis and the Naval Academy, but her main focus was on the Air Force.

"I chose Air Force for a variety of reasons: for one I can study biology and Spanish," said Garrigan. "And hopefully it will lead to

medical school. It just gives me a wide range of career options."

With any service academy discipline is a large component and Garrigan is ready for it. "At times it will be quite difficult, but there is such a focus on teamwork and community, so a person has all of the tools needed to succeed."

With all that goes along with going to a military academy, a major element is how students have to commit to service with their branch of the military. Garrigan has committed five years of service after graduation.

The amount of time one commits fluctuates on the major chosen, academic criteria and other factors unique to each student.

Althoff, who transferred to O'Gorman his junior year from Yankton, has been a staple on the football field and in the classroom.

He will be heading to Annapolis, Md and the U.S Naval Academy.

Althoff agrees with Garrigan on why choosing an academy is the right choice.

"The military academies offer opportunities unmatched by other universities in the country," said Althoff. "The world class education followed by a guaranteed career in the military are some of the best benefits."

Althoff too was interested in the other military academies across the country, especially the Air Force because of his dream to be a pilot in the military, but he soon found out that the path to the skies could be forged at Navy.

"Navy has just as many opportunities to be a pilot as the Air Force does," said Althoff. "With that in mind and the numerous educational opportunities that Navy offers I decided that was the best fit for me."



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Senior Tommy Entwistle backhands a return shot against the Mitchell Kernels on April 15 at McKennan park. Entwistle won the match 6-4, 6-4. The Knights fell short to the Kernels though in the duel.

Entwistle, Knights look to make final push for South Dakota state tournament title

Samantha Lenz
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This season the O'Gorman Knights' only senior Tommy Entwistle has returned to defend his No. 1 singles title.

Thus far, his record is 8-0. Entwistle clearly intends to keep the Knights leading the pack defeating the Mitchell Kernels Flight 1 consolation champion Jacob Cerosimo.

"We all have to come to play every match, be focused every

match, if plan to end up state champions," said Entwistle.

In Flight 1 doubles Entwistle and his partner sophomore Jake Moran have accumulated a 6-1 record. Their only loss of the season came from the Cerosimo Flight 1 and Alex Hegg Flight 3 from the Mitchell Kernels.

"We have room for improvement," said Moran. "I think we have a good start to the season and a good chance of winning state."

Flight 2 singles sophomore

Sam Heckmann has earned a 5-2 record being defeated once by the Mitchell Kernels.

With his Flight 2 doubles partner sophomore Austin Bauer they produced a 7-0 record defeating Beau Brown and Kanin Nelson from the Mitchell Kernels.

In the beginning of May the Knights will travel out west to play in the Rapid City Invite.

"I always look forward to this tournament because it is a good team bonding opportunity before

state," said Entwistle. "And it is always a fun trip and we will face some good competition."

The Knights will look to capitalize on the team chemistry gained and improve on their third place finish from last year and win a state title.

"Obviously the number one goal each year is to win a team state title," said Entwistle, "And that is no different this year. We want to peak when we get to state."

Rocky start doesn't deter baseball team as state nears

Tommy Entwistle
Sports Co-Editor

The Knights baseball team has had a rocky start to the season but hopes to keep improving for a chance at a state title.

After a starting the season 0-3 dropping two games to Creighton Prep and losing to La Jolla High School from California, the Knights were able to pick up their first win of the season on the trip to Las Vegas with a 4-3 win over Lowell HS out of San Francisco on April 4.

"We just need to keep working hard to improve every time we hit the field," said senior Alex Linneman.

The Knights have righted the ship in recent games and now have a record of 7-9. The Knights have six more games in the regular season and intend to compete for a state title in the end.

Senior Justin Kautz has had success this year, as he has hit two home runs. "We have to keep focusing on our ultimate goal, which is to get into the state tournament," said Kautz. "But we also want to keep having fun playing the game we love."

"As a team we have a lot of talent and we need to play more consistent baseball if we are gonna have a chance at winning state," said senior infielder Jaden Holzer.

Regional play begins on May 17 and the state tournament will be held on May 24 at Sioux Falls Stadium.

Golfers hope to redeem loss from last year's tournament

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

The Lady Knights are working toward a state title after only losing by two strokes to the Pierre Governors last year.

Currently the Knights are ahead by 100 strokes in the city championship with senior Myla Brown in the lead at 158.

The girls have had a successful season with only losing one out of the 10 meets they have played. They lost to the Governors on April 25 at the Mitchell invite.

"Pierre is by far our toughest competition, and all we need to do is do our best and we will have a chance at the state title this year," said junior Kelsey Johnson.

The Lady Knights only have a few

more meets before they head off to state where they will once again have to face the infamous Pierre Governors.

"I would say we want it more than anything especially with last year's defeat," said Brown. "We know what it is like to lose and we are not looking for that again."

The state tournament will be held May 19-20 in Pierre at the Hillview Golf Course home of the Pierre T.F Riggs Governors.

Last year the Governors stole the title away from the Lady Knights and took home the state championship. The Knights will look to avenge that loss and beat the Governors on their home course later this month.

Athletes continue to see improvement in track team

Myla Brown
Activities Editor

This season the O'Gorman track and field team has been hard at work to improve times and place well in all of their events. They have spent hours working hard and their efforts have showed since many are placing well in their events.

"Track and Field is as demanding as any sport at O'Gorman," said junior Ellen Keena. "It takes a lot of practice to run the races, relays and do the throws and jumps. Runners have to practice hours a week to run a sprint that takes only seconds."

"This year we have seen much improvement in the kids," said Art Hagg,

Assistant Coach. "You can really tell they put hard work in so they would be ready for the season."

"It takes a lot of concentration to run hurdles," said Junior Logan Iossi. "You don't jump over them, you skim them in rhythm. The runners in their zone and in rhythm will win the race."

The track team took second place at the meet at Washington High School on April 22. "The events I participate in are throwing shot put and disc," said Bret Sundleaf. "Our track team has been placing well at our meets and I individually typically place well in my events."

The state tournament will be held at McEaney field on May 30 with the final day being held at Howard Wood.

Rocketeers barely miss out on national competition bid

Myla Brown
Activites Editor

This year's O'Gorman Rocket Team worked diligently on this year's rocket project in hopes to earn a repeat trip to the national competition.

The team came up short of their goal this year, but they are already applying lessons learned toward making preparations for next year's competition in Planes, Virginia.

Members of this year's team are Sam Olson, Rico Xi and Ben Briggs in addition to the upperclassmen who will represent O'Gorman next year: Jonah Dally, Phil Petrasko, Karl Shlanta and Daniel Waddell.

Ms. Jane Schnell is the faculty adviser for rocket club and has been with the club from the start.

"This is the 12th year the rocket team has been competing for O'Gorman," said Schnell. "The rocket team has gone to nationals

five times in the last seven years."

"Every boy had a strength that was vital to designing, assembling and testing the rocket. Everyone had their job, worked very hard and contributed to the team," said Schnell.

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-Ms. Jane Schnell

"After this year's seniors graduate, the capable underclassmen will roll into their jobs with the experience they picked up from their upper class teammates."

In order for the rocket to meet standards, it must be 650 grams or less, and carry a payload of two raw eggs. The rocket has to come down with the payload (the eggs) intact. Two parachutes are

used and they have to be standard size. The rocket motor has to meet the specifications on an approved list.

The rocket must reach an altitude of 825 ft. and it needs to stay airborne for 48-50 seconds. Zero is a perfect score and there is a penalty for every foot and four penalty points for every second it doesn't stay in the air. The judges compile two scores on the three best flights.

Petrasko was the Captain, led the team and worked on special simulation and designs. Shlanta was in charge of the building process and helped to oversee the building process. Olson was the launch organization specialist and Briggs was in charge of running simulations.

As for the new members Xi was in charge of design, Dally was in charge of flying and prepping, and Waddell was in charge of maintenance.

Record number of students make all state band concert held in state's capital city

Carolyn Frederick
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This year O'Gorman set an all time record for having 11 people chosen for all state band.

In the past years the amount of people that have attended range from seven to nine.

Only a select number from each section are chosen so if one is chosen it is an honor.

This is an event where all around South Dakota young musicians audition by playing scales, a prepared solo, sight reading, along with taking a written terms test.

What takes place in state band is they get together and play different styles of music that is provided for them.

They get the music before hand so they can practice.

Along with playing music with all of the different schools

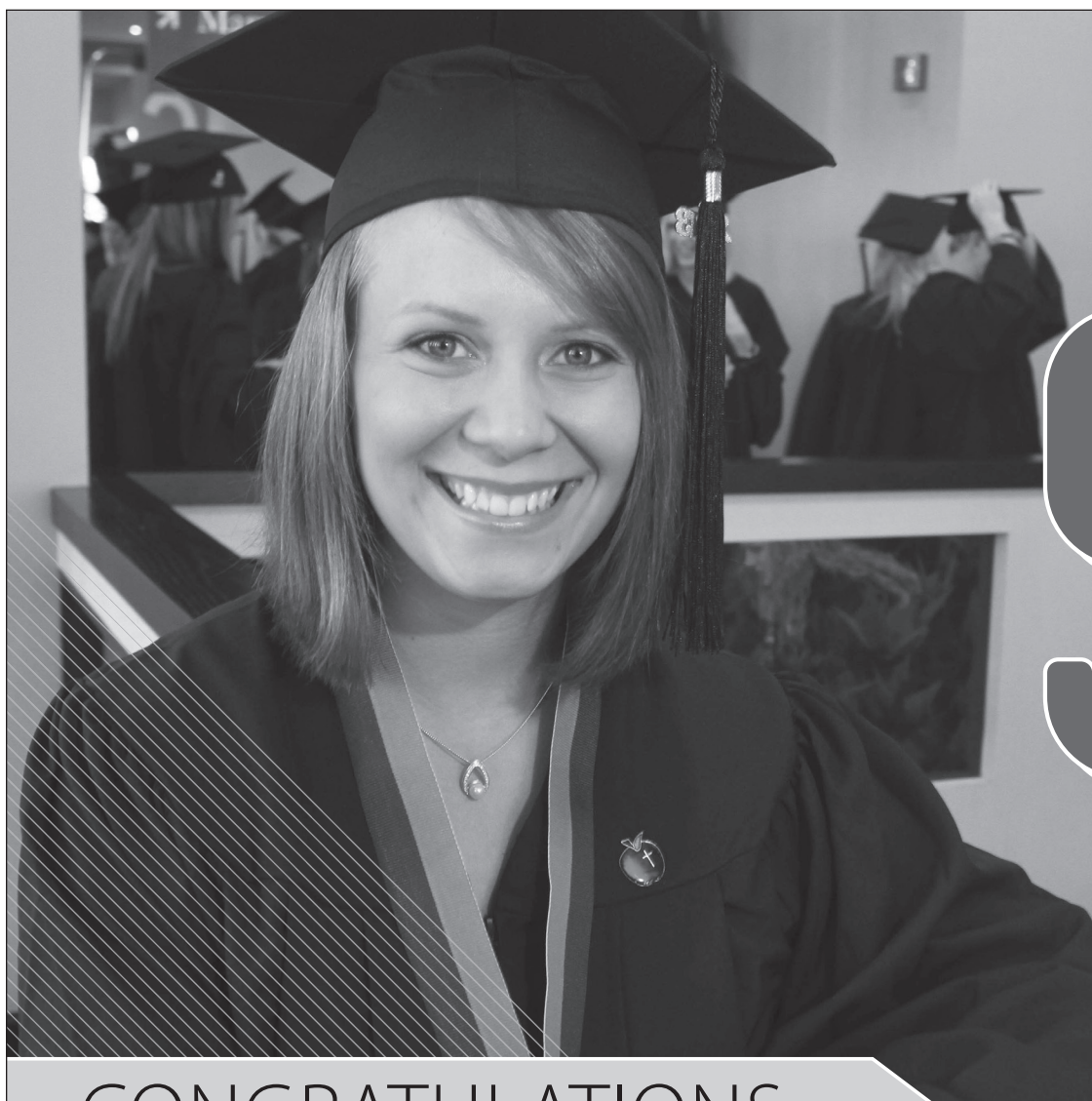
all day, they got time to hang out with all the new people.

Eleven got chosen this year from O'Gorman and two students were also given an award for making it all four years. Chris Downey and Nicole Clemen were the students who received the award.

"It was amazing being able to receive this award, and I feel very privileged that I was chosen all four years. I will definitely miss it," said Clemen.

This year it was held on the weekend of March 27-29 in Pierre.

"It was really fun meeting new people with the same interest and being able to play with talented musicians," said senior Lydia Enderson. "It is a great opportunity and it's a gift to be able to go, many people audition and being chosen is an accomplishment."



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The Used releases new album

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor

On April 1, 2014 The Used officially released their sixth full-length album, *Imaginary Enemy*. The album revolves around the themes of hope and revolution, and it carries a more political tone compared to the band's other works.

The album starts off strong but definitely loses its energy by the end. In general, the album's energy and focus seems a bit scattered. Lead singer Bert McCracken is a good vocalist, but the

last two-thirds of *Imaginary Enemy* don't highlight his strengths.

The lyrics are good, if a little cheesy. The first few tracks will be popular on the radio as they took on a more pop-punk sound that's gaining popularity.

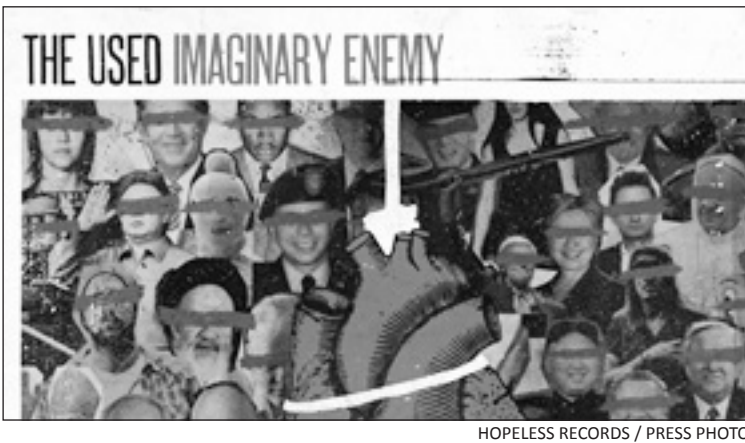
While *Imaginary Enemy* took on a younger feel than its previous works, it's also much more forgettable. The childish sing-song effect the band attempted is reminiscent of 30 Seconds to Mars's album *This is War*.

The favorite tracks off the album include "Revolution," "Cry," and "A Song to Stifle Imperial Pro-

gression (A Work in Progress)." Overall, *Imaginary Enemy* was one of The Used weaker albums. The loss of energy and scattered feel of the album causes it to be forgettable amongst its competitors.

Hopefully The Used can hang on to the pop-punk feel and lose the childish tone. As a band they need to remember to play to their strengths.

The band recently ended a tour in April with the band Taking Sunday Back. The tour was just over a month long and went across the United States.



Imaginary Enemy came out on April 1. The Used recently went on tour with Taking Sunday Back.

In & OutMake good decisions this summer

Class of 2015	Class of 2014
Legion Baseball	School Sports
Summer	School
Swimsuits	Uniforms
Sleeping in	Alarm Clocks
Part Time Job	Penniless
Bonfires	Fireplaces
Relaxation	Stress
Tommen	Joffrey

Here we are. Summer is nigh. With summer comes a lot of freedom. With freedom comes a lot of responsibility. That means we have a lot of responsibility, kids.

Always keep in mind: a safe summer is the best summer. It seems, however, that students often view the seasonal break as an opportunity to throw caution to the wind.

I would like to focus on the most dangerous and perhaps the most prevalent dangers that students are vulnerable to during the summer months.

So, let's talk about parties. There will inevitably be several over the next three months. Not all parties are evil, but they can be incredibly risky. Underage drinking can result in severe criminal punishment and even death.


Here are several helpful tips to avoid those negative consequences:

1) Never put yourself in a

potentially dangerous situation; the best way to avoid illegal behavior is to not be anywhere near it.

2) Do not trust your ability to resist peer pressure, #coolkids can be incredibly persuasive.

3) If you are going to a party,



Sam Breske

bring your own, non-alcoholic beverage to ensure the safety of your consumption.

4) If anyone offers you an alcohol or a "blast" of marijuana,

immediately call the entire CIA.

5) Feel free to buy a DuPont Kevlar Fortified Hurricane Shelter® to hide in case rowdy hooligans are skulking on the streets.

The summer months also seem to be a breeding ground for idiotic stunts. Going to the palisades and jumping off the highest rock possible or dragging a snow sled behind your ATV in the badlands are both examples of things to be avoided.

If Johnny Knoxville would do it on television, you shouldn't do it in real life. Even if sprinting across 41st street at 5:30 p.m. would be the coolest thing ever, the inevitable full body cast will not be.

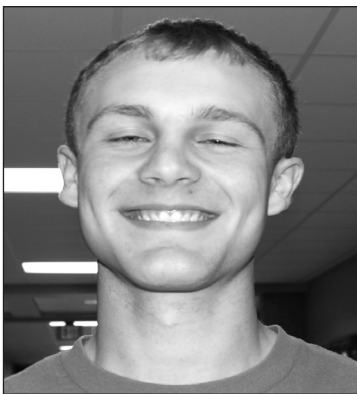
Summer is only a few days away and has the potential to be incredibly fun. If we aren't careful, however, our lovely summer could be interrupted by tragedy. Be conscientious, follow these guidelines, and have a totally not bummed summer. :)

Photo Survey

“What is your favorite summer memory?”



“Spending the summer in Boston, and seeing my first pink spiked mohawk”
- Mr. Hofflander



“Balling it up with my buddies at state baseball.”
- Alex Linneman



“Go to Europe with People to People”
- Hope Bleeker



“Going to a Wiz Khalifa concert”
- Jimmy Pio



“When I crowd surfed at the Justin Bieber concert”
- Madie Skillman



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